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the present application. A copy of the European Search Report dated February 27, 2001, is also enclosed.

Since all the references are indicated as merely being technological background in the European Search Report a more detailed discussion of these references will not be provided at this time.

The present invention defines a specific tube target which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.


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